United States Bankruptcy Court SOUTHERN DISTRI 61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Div	PROOF OF CLAIM				
Name of Debtors	Case Number				
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation  Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation  Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	Creditor ID#;			
place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim igainst					
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes noney or property):  Gaines County Appraisal District	Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim.  Attach copy of statement	United States District Court Southern District of Texas FILED SEP 27 2000			
Vame and address where notices should be sent:  Gaines County Appraisal District P. O. Box 490	Giving particulars.  Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case  SEP & 7 2000  Michael N. Milby, Clerk				
Seminole, TX 79360-0490	Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.				
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: $850-59-A252000$	Check here replaces if this claim amends a previously filed claim, deted:				
1. Basis for Claim  Goods sold Services performed Money loaned Personal injury/wrongful death Taxes Other	Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: Unpaid compensation for services performed from				
2. Date debt was incurred: 01/01/2000	3. If court judgment, date of				
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ _5,084.76 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also comple Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in additional charges.  additional charges.		Attach itemized statement of all interest or			
<ol> <li>Secured Claim.</li> <li>Check this box if your claim is secured by colleteral (including a right of setoff).</li> </ol>	6. Unsecured Priority Claim. Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$				
Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate Motor Vehicle ∰Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate	Specify the priority of the claim:				
Value of Collateral: \$ 224,450.00  Amount of arrearage and other charges <u>at time case filed</u> included in secured claim, if any \$	<ul> <li>Up to \$1,950° of deposits toward purch personal, family, or household use - 1°</li> <li>Alimony, maintenance, or support owe 507(a)(7).</li> <li>Taxes or penalties owed to government of their - Specify applicable paragraph</li> </ul>	hase, lease, or rental of property or services for 1 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). Indicate spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. Intel units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). Intel U.S.C. § 507(a).			
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<ol> <li>Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and dithe purpose of making this proof of claim.</li> <li>Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, concent judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.</li> <li>Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the fiting of your close a stamped, self-eddressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.</li> </ol>	ch as promissory ntracts, of lien,	This Space is for Court Use Only			
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enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.	for Gaines County Appraisal Disti	rict			

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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE

SPECIALTY RETAILERS, INC.

IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

DEBTOR

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NO. 00-35079-H2

SECURED CLAIM FOR TAXES OF THE GAINES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

## PARAGRAPH I.

The undersigned, who resides at P.O. BOX 817 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408 is the attorney for GAINES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT and is authorized by contract with the claimant to make this proof of claim on behalf of the claimant for the collection of the outstanding taxes claimed.

## PARAGRAPH II.

The debtor was, and at the time of the filing of the petition initiating this proceeding, and is still indebted to this claimant in the amount of \$5,084.76.

The consideration for this debt is as follows: Ad valorem taxes on personal property situated within the boundaries of said claimant.

The writing (tax statements) on which this claim is founded or a duplicate thereof is attached hereto.

This claim is not founded on an open account.

No judgment has been rendered on this claim

The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

This claim is not subject to any setoff or counterclaim.

No security interest is held for this claim except as provided by Section 32.01 and Section 32.05, Texas Property Tax Code and Art 8, Section 15, Texas Constitution.

This claim is filed as a secured claim for the total claim amount of \$5,084.76.

Claimant being a duly authorized governmental taxing authority is entitled to:

treatment under Section 506 as a secured creditor because the taxes claimed are assessed against real property interests of the debtor and are secured by that real property interest.

Name of Creditor
GAINES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P.

By:

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## TAX STATEMENT

GAINES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PO BOX 490 SEMINOLE, TX 79360-0490

ACCOUNT NO 123

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3903 BELLAIRE BLVD

HOUSTON

TX 77025-0000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT	PEN &	INT	TOTAL
FURNITURE & FIXTURE INVENTORY & EQUIPMENT 109 E AVE A 850-59-A252000					
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GAINES	2000 ÇOUNTY APPRA	634.07 ISAL DISTRIC	f T	.00	634.07 634.07
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR FLOOD	2000 CONTROL	52.81		.00	52.81 52.81
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR COUNTY	2000 WIDE EQUALIZ	673.35 ATION		.00	673.35 673.35
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR SEMINOR		,930.27 T SCHOOL DIS	TRICT	.00	1,930.27 1,930.27
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR CITY OF		,346.70		.00	1,346.70 1,346.70
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR MEMORIA	2000 AL HOSPITAL D	419.50 ISTRICT		.00	419.50 419.50
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR LLANO	2000 ESTACADO WATE:	28.06 R DISTRICT		.00	28.06 28.06
	TOTAL DUE	IF PAID IN (	JUN 200	00\$	5,084.76